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4. That rejected claims 15-22 define embodiments that were conceived prior to September 25, 1998, and included in the written specification mailed on September 22, 1998, and filed on October 1, 1998, as evidenced by Exhibits A and B;

5. That the subject matter of claims 15-22 was diligently pursued by Applicants from a time starting before September 25, 1998, until filing of the written specification on October 1, 1998, or any earlier actual reduction to practice;

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I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Re: **AMAT/2966/PDD/KPU1/JS**
U.S. Patent Application Entitled
**A SILICON CARBIDE DEPOSITION FOR USE AS A BARRIER LAYER
AND AN ETCH STOP**
Our Ref. APPM/2966

Dear Beth:

Enclosed is a copy of the Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement, Petition For One Month Extension of Time, and return postcards. These documents were mailed from our offices via first class mail on June 24 and 25, 1997.

Enclosed for Robert W. Mulcahy's signature are the following documents:

1. U.S. Patent Application;
2. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney [Unsigned];
3. Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet;
4. Taiwan Oath [Unsigned];
5. Taiwan Assignment [Unsigned];
6. Assignment for Application for Patent [Unsigned];
7. New Application Transmittal [Unsigned];
8. Information Disclosure Statement [Unsigned];
9. PTO-1449 [With References Cited]; and
10. Disk and Postcards.

Beth Mulcahy
September 22, 1988
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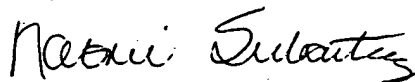
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If you have any questions, or if I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

This declaration is of the following type:

- ☒ original
- ☐ divisional
- ☐ continuation
- ☐ continuation-in-part

INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION

**A SILICON CARBIDE DEPOSITION FOR USE AS A BARRIER LAYER
AND AN ETCH STOP**

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification of which:

- ☒ filed herewith;
- ☐ was filed on _____, under Serial No. _____, executed on even date herewith; or
- ☒ Express Mail No. EL171400830US (Serial No. not yet known) and was amended on _____ (if applicable)
- ☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____ filed on _____ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information I know to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, and which is material to the examination of this application; namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and

[X] I concur with this duty there is a Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98.

PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. §119)

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119, of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below, and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

[X] No such applications have been filed.

[] Such applications have been filed as follows:

- A. Prior foreign/PCT application(s) filed within 12 mos. (6 mos. for design) prior to this application, and any priority claims under 35 U.S.C. §119

<u>Country/PCT</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Date Filed</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u>
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- B. All foreign application(s), if any, filed more than 12 mos. (6 mos. for design) prior to this U.S. application

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120, of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this application (namely, information where there is substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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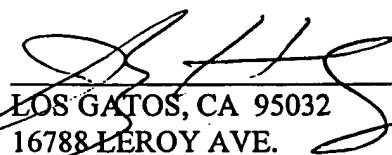
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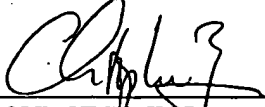
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